

**Tribal Issues Update**

**BRIEFING PAPER**

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**PURPOSE:**

Update the Transportation Commission on Tribal Issues

**ACTION/OUTCOME:**

None

**BACKGROUND:**

There are several areas of activity and interest in WSDOT tribal relations. Aside from specific transportation projects, we have also advanced our government-to-government relationship through the annual state/tribal transportation conference, the development of programmatic agreements between regional offices and specific tribes, and tribal relations training conducted across the state for WSDOT employees.

We have provided substantial support in the creation of the Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO), they in turn are participating very effectively in the development of the Washington Transportation Plan (WTP). Representatives of that group will be available to present the results of the survey that was briefly presented to the Commission at the Milestone Event on October 19<sup>th</sup> at SeaTac.

**DISCUSSION:**

As needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None required.

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